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Legislature, this is my DNA testing bill. There might be some technical discussion. It's not the kind of issue that people will be tremendously interested in as far as the details. The subject, however, I think is one that all of us are keenly aware of and keenly interested in. So what I intend to do is make as complete and thorough a record as I can on this bill, even though it's my own and even though it might be possible to just slide it on through because people see the necessity of it. There could be litigation of one kind or another based on this bill, so I want to create a record of what my intention is. I hope anybody with any questions, any doubts, will raise those questions and those doubts during this discussion. I am not going to take offense at anything anybody wants to discuss on this bill. My name is on it, but it doesn't belong to me in a proprietary way. This will be work done by the Legislature and I want it to be good work. I have been dealing with one of the hardest-nosed people in this Legislature in the last few days. He's a guy who dresses in a way that wouldn't call your attention to him based on outlandish attire. He just kind of slides through the halls, kind of slides through the halls in an inconspicuous manner and you might see him and you might not, but if you saw him and you spoke to him and it occurred to you that you spoke to somebody, you might not even remember to whom you had spoken. He doesn't bother anybody. But he decided to take out after me and, because the individual is so "Clark Kentish" most of the time, I just, in my mind, said, well, I'm going to be courteous to him, as I always am, but I'm not going to give too much attention to what he's talking about. And, lo and behold, by the time we got through I had been turned upside down, inside out, pummeled into submission, and I didn't even know it. Some provisions that under no circumstances did I think I would accept by way of amendment, he not only persuaded me to accept those provisions, I offered his suggestions as amendments to my bill. I'm not going to identify this individual, but as the discussion goes on you might be able to figure out who he is. There is being handed out a sheet that I will make reference to during the discussion to explain some aspects of the bill, but since I'm on an amendment rather than the bill, because we've already had that opening on General File, I want to tell you what this amendment does. Money will be appropriated to fund this bill. The money has to be placed